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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

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1. Since 15 September 1954, flying in formations of 7 to 10 aircraft has been **continuously** practiced at Cottbus airfield.

2. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field on 12 and 13 October:

12 October. About 1000, several conventional aircraft were seen in the hangars. Three Yak-11s were parked on the landing field. Between 1100 and 1700, Yak-11s practiced flying. The aircraft took off at intervals of about 2 minutes for individual local flights at altitudes of about 250 meters. Up to 10 aircraft were seen aloft at the same time.

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13 October. Between 1100 and 1600, Yak-11s practiced individual flying and flying in formations of four. Up to 4 individual aircraft or one formation of four were aloft at the same time. Formation flights lasted 20 to 25 minutes. The formations crossed over the town of Cottbus at an altitude of about 350 meters and occasionally disappeared out of sight. Individual flights lasted 8 to 10 minutes and were made at altitudes between 400 and 500 meters. Four individual aircraft also practiced steep climbs, dives and loops. 1

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3. During the time of observations, there was intensive vehicular traffic at the field.

4. Administrative officer of the VP Luft at Burger Chaussee in Cottbus was Captain Buerk (phonetic spelling) (fmu). 2

1. Comment. The two battalions of the Aeroclub Bautzen are believed to be still stationed at Cottbus airfield. Air Activity observed agrees with the previously observed status of training.

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